

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Present: Ernest A. Heller, Vice-Chair
Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar, Commission Member
Rev. Douglas P. Jones, Commission Member
Deborah L. Lundahl, Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Stephen K. Hess, Chair
M. Shane Canfield, Commission Member
Deidre R. Davidson, Commission Member
James Stanker, Alternate Commission Member

The Frederick County Ethics Commission meeting started at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2020, in the Winchester Room on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Public Ethics Report – The Commission members received copies of the 2019 Public Ethics Report for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, which was submitted by the Office of the County Executive. The Public Ethics Law requires that this report be provided to the Ethics Commission.

Discussion of financial disclosure updates – Before the meeting, the members received a written chart showing which officials and employees were contacted for additional information or clarification of information provided in their annual financial disclosure statements. After review of the information provided, the Commission members did not see a need for additional action regarding any of the individual forms submitted. The Commission noted that the electronic financial disclosure form needs to require that all of the required information be provided before the form is filed with the Ethics Commission. The County is aware of this need and anticipates that the revisions to the electronic forms will be made before the next distribution of the statements in April 2020.

November 2020 meeting date – The Commission noted that the second Wednesday of the month, which is the normal day on which the Commission meets, falls on a County holiday in November. The Commission will discuss whether the November meeting will be held and, if necessary, select a new meeting date later in the year.

Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Winegar made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lundahl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney